

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY AUGUST 7, 2006  
AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 13, 2006  
AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY AUGUST 25, 2005  
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AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 11, 2005  
AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 16, 2005

**SENATE BILL**

**No. 156**

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**Introduced by Senator Soto**

February 8, 2005

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An act to amend Section 13159.1 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to public safety.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 156, as amended, Soto. Public safety: firefighting.

Existing law directs the State Fire Marshal to establish training requirements and a curriculum that include criteria recommended by the Emergency Response Training Advisory Committee, as specified.

This bill would require the State Fire Marshal to contract with the California Firefighter Joint Apprenticeship Program for the development of curriculum criteria.

*This bill would also provide that these training requirements are to be implemented only when federal funds are received for that purpose.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 13159.1 of the Health and Safety Code  
2 is amended to read:

3     13159.1. (a) The State Fire Marshal shall establish additional  
4 training standards that include the criteria for curriculum content  
5 recommended by the Emergency Response Training Advisory  
6 Committee established pursuant to Section 8588.10 of the  
7 Government Code, involving the responsibilities of first  
8 responders to terrorism incidents and to address the training  
9 needs of those identified as first responders.

10    (b) The State Fire Marshal shall contract with the California  
11 Firefighter Joint Apprenticeship Program for the development of  
12 curriculum content criteria specified in subdivision (a).

13    (c) Every paid and volunteer firefighter assigned to field duties  
14 in a state or local fire department or fire protection or firefighting  
15 agency may receive the appropriate training described in this  
16 section. Pertinent training previously completed by any  
17 jurisdiction's firefighters and meeting the training standards of  
18 this section may be submitted to the State Fire Marshal to assess  
19 its content and determine whether it meets the training  
20 requirements prescribed by the State Fire Marshal.

21    *SEC. 2. Section 13159.1 of the Health and Safety Code shall*  
22 *be implemented only when federal funds are received for the*  
23 *purposes of that subdivision.*